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Federal and State Agree to Coordinate Federal Subsistence Management

Federal and state agency heads are gathering on Tues., April 23, 2002 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Anchorage's Millenium Hotel. Through a memorandum of agreement, the agencies endorsed coordination of State and Federal regulatory processes, and the collection and exchange of fish and wildlife population data and information necessary for subsistence management on public lands. The signatories meet annually to review coordinated programs established under the agreement and to consider modifications that would further improve interagency working relationships.

The meeting topics will include a status report from the agreement's working group; review and approval of the Yukon River in-season management and information sharing protocols; status reports on subsistence use amounts, regulatory coordination, and fisheries and wildlife management planning protocols; coordinated management activities for the Yukon River, Copper River, and the Kenai Peninsula; the Federal proposed rule on customary trade; biological escapement goals; and the federal rural determination process. Discussions will also focus on research and monitoring programs.

The signatories of the agreement include representatives from the Federal Subsistence Board and its member agencies (Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S.D.A. Forest Service) and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and the Alaska Board of Game.

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